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This evening we welcome Bolton Wanderers FC in another Friday night game. This gives us an opportunity to thank the Bolton Management for their assistance in helping to get our Lifeline scheme off the ground. It will also be our first game at Griffin Park, due to the arctic weather, since February 4th, some 5½ weeks ago, but this is not the longest break at Griffin Park. There have been several examples of longer breaks without soccer at Griffin Park. I suppose most people would think the longest barren spell here would have been in the arctic 1947 winter when we didn't play between February 1st and March 15th (42 days) and the season went on until Whit Monday May 26th but that isn't so. In 1959 we didn't play here between January 28th and March 14th (45 days) and in fact didn't play a game home or away in February. For those who argue for a January or February mid-winter break our longest lay-off came between November 23rd 1965 and January 8th 1966 (46 days), and again in 1976 we didn't appear here in December.

GOOD WIN

In the meantime we have played three away games, winning handsomely at Rotherham by 2 goals to 1, the Yorkshire side scoring in the closing minutes from a penalty, which gave us our sixth away win of the season, double the number we achieved last season. At Swansea on

Saturday we lost 0-2 after having Terry Bullivant sent off for the second time in 8 games this season.

These notes went to press before our re-arranged game at Newport last Tuesday. Incidentally, the Gillingham match, which was postponed on Boxing Day, will now take place at Priestfield Stadium next Tuesday, and could supporters please note that the kick-off time is 8.00 p.m., and not 7.30.

We have also re-arranged the Lincoln home match, which will take place here on Tuesday, April 22nd, kick-off 7.45 p.m. Whilst Darlington now come here on Wednesday April 9th. Our Easter Monday home game with Gillingham has a noon kick-off.

DATE SOON

We are hoping shortly to be able to announce the date of Danis Salman's testimonial against Tottenham Hotspur. In the meantime his fund continues to grow with support from Peter Gilham and the Supporters' Association. A very successful race night was held on March 6th, at which the Management and players at-

AROUND THE HIVE



tended in full force. We expect to have available by this evening tickets for his testimonial draw, which will take place at the Hammersmith Palais on the occasion of Lifeline's big Gala evening on April 29th. Any supporters requiring tickets for this draw can obtain them through the club's offices.

Incidentally, the draw for the third £500 was made at the race night and it was a great pleasure to see Melvyn Collins, who has been a member of our blind scheme almost since its inception, and one of our loyalest supporters, receive the £500 prize. As was stated at the inception, one of the big features of Lifeline is that the prizes are going to go to well known supporters of the club and it is gratifying that somebody like Melvyn should come out so early on.

TERRY HURLOCK

We transferred our skipper to Reading on Thursday, 6th February. The £95,000 fee, in addition to setting up a new Brentford record, replacing the £60,000 we received for Andy McCulloch from Sheffield Wednesday in 1979, was also, we believe, a record between Third Division clubs, which is quite remarkable, bearing in mind how transfer fees have plummeted in recent years.

We think our supporters will be interested in the reasoning behind the transfer. When Hurlock last negotiated a contract Chairman, Martin Lange, promised him, in view of his keenness to play in higher grade football that if an offer was received, which was anywhere near the Club's valuation he would give Hurlock the option of moving on. When the Reading bid came in the Chairman honoured that promise and it was up to Terry to decide whether or not he wanted to move. Terry, approaching age 28, felt that this was an opportunity for him to play in Second Division football next season, and therefore decided to travel 30 miles West down the M4.

It is worth making the point that when Hurlock's contract which was due to come up at the end of the season he would have been a free agent and could have moved on, and the fee would have been decided by a tribunal, which would probably have been in the region of £25,000. The Chairman and Manager, Frank McLintock, in discussing the proposed transfer, felt that

we could use the money to strengthen the Club in other positions.

TOUGH BREAK

We very much regret that centre half Terry Evans will not play again this season due to sustaining a very severe knee injury in a friendly game against Wimbledon. We wish him a complete recovery in time for next season.

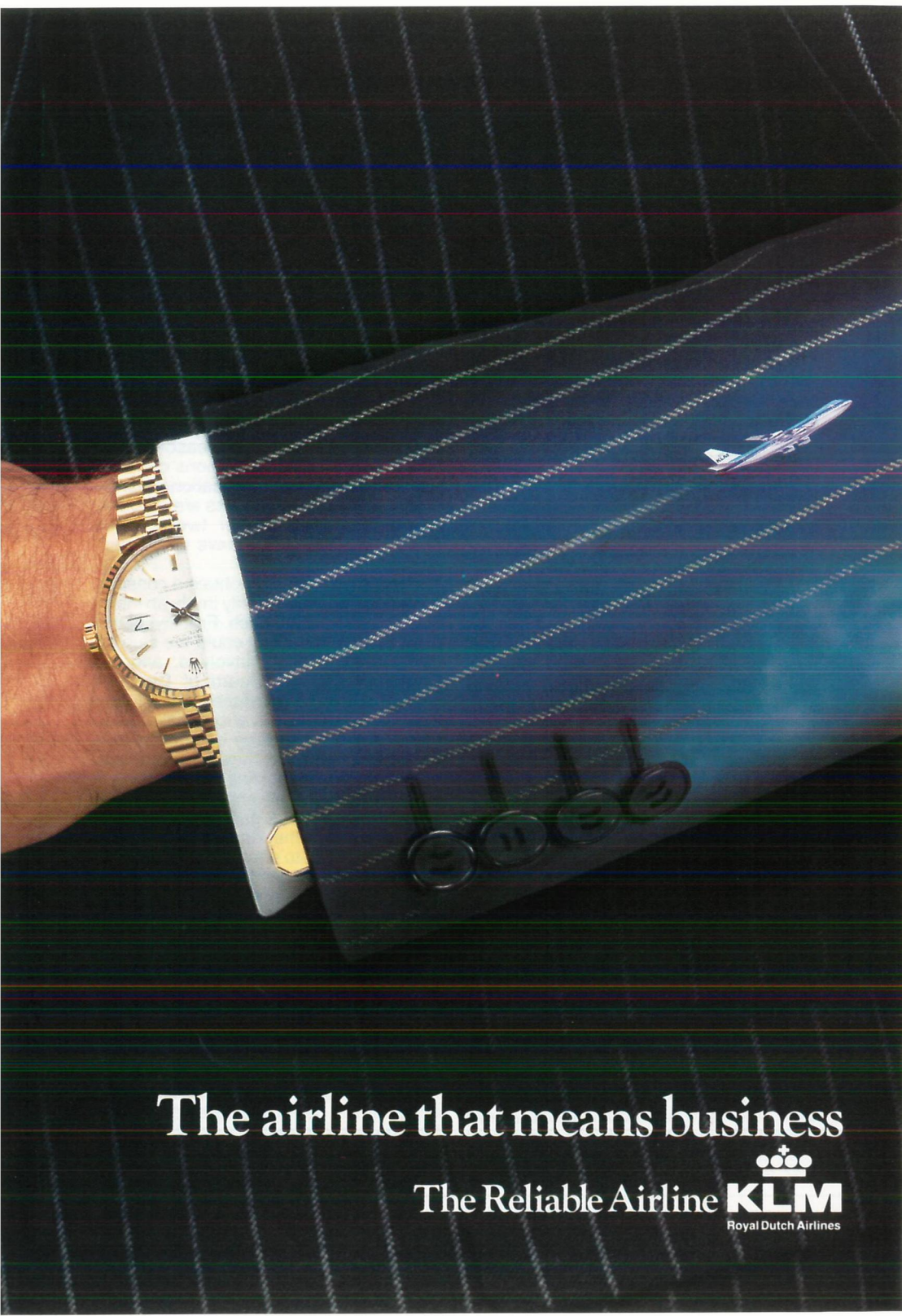
ARTIFICIAL PITCH

In order to avoid confusion in supporters' minds regarding the recent announcements concerning an artificial pitch, I would like to confirm that all that has happened is that an application has been made by the club to the League for consent for such a pitch. The reasoning behind this is that the regulations currently require that such an application must be made, and again supporters are probably aware that some ten or twelve clubs throughout the country have made such applications.

The reason for this is to obtain a consent, but it does not necessarily imply an intention to install such a pitch. Frankly, at this point in time in no way could the club afford the expenditure involved, and the Chairman and the Board of Directors would have to be convinced in the future that considerable advances have been made in the technology of artificial surfaces, to ensure that they provide a suitable surface that satisfies the demands of professional football and the desires of supporters to see a game on a surface that represents the kind of football that they would wish to see. It is clear that the pitch recently installed at Luton is a considerable improvement upon that installed at Loftus Road, and no doubt in time further improvements will be made in the future.

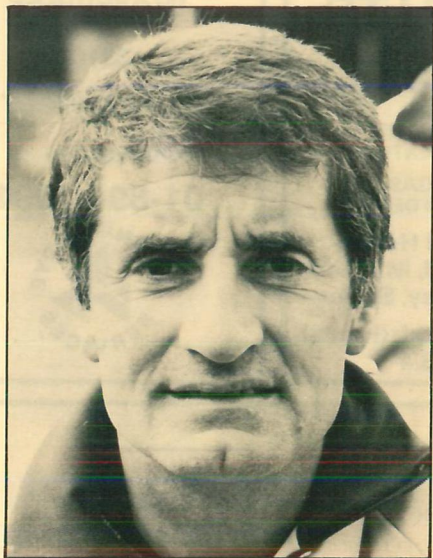
If money is available the Club has many priorities before any consideration could be given to an artificial pitch. These priorities obviously relate to strengthening the team, improvements to the ground and costs involved in meeting the requirements of the Safety Act. Therefore, by definition it will be a considerable time before the Board is even in a position to consider the merits of any artificial surface.

ERIC WHITE



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I was not at Rotherham to see our 2-1 win there, although John Docherty gave me a very full account of the match and it was a good result with a fine performance. I was elsewhere seeking a player and although I have not had any success yet I am still trying to improve the team before the transfer deadline.

Of course, clubs know that we now have money available, following the transfer of Terry Hurlock to Reading last month and this has altogether altered my approach. Before Terry left I was trying to sign players on loan, but now I have the money to endeavour to get the players I want I am finding some clubs are increasing the fees they demand.

Whilst I have not given up hope of improving the squad in the near future it may be that I will have to wait until the close sea-

son, when fees will drop for two reasons. Firstly, players, whose contracts have run out, will have their fees decided by a tribunal and, for example, in Hurlock's case I think it unlikely that we would have got more than £25,000 for him from a tribunal decision. Reading can justify the increased fee because they wanted him badly to help clinch their promotion push and other clubs of course pay above average prices because they are hoping to strengthen the side to try and avoid relegation. Obviously, at the end of the season this sort of pressure is off.

Having said all that, it would be nice to get a couple of new players and get them bedded into our style before the end of the season, but I certainly will not be stampeded into buying players at unrealistic prices. I am as impatient as anybody else about strengthening the team, but I must be sure that the decisions I make in signing players are right, and at the end of the day this is what Managers are judged on. It will be nice getting back to playing at Griffin Park this evening, and I hope we get a good result to start your weekend.



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SPOTLIGHT ON

ROGER JOSEPH

The emergence of Roger Joseph into the Brentford first team this season has been one of the highlights in a fluctuating year. Roger played for our Juniors during the 1982/83 season but was then released by the club. He told me, "At the age of seventeen I was too old to be offered apprentice terms so I joined Southall as I knew their Reserve Team Manager, I started in the reserves but quickly got into the first team. Towards the end of the season we had a Cup match against Wembley Town and Frank McLintock was there watching. At the end of the game he asked me to come to the ground to see him."

Early in the 1984/85 season he joined the professional staff here at Griffin Park playing regularly in our successful reserve side. Here he struck up a great partnership down the right with the man playing in front of him — Tony Lynch. "My greatest strength is my speed and so is Tony's," Roger continued. "I also knew that if I went on a forward run Tony would always cover for me." Roger has been pleased therefore to link up again with 'Lynchy' in the first team this season.

Roger made his first team debut in the final League game of last season against Millwall and has gone on to make another 21 Cup and League appearances this season. His own particular favourite games have been his first game this term at Cambridge in the Milk Cup. Sheffield Wednesday (away in the Milk Cup), Walsall (away) and Notts County (home). Roger was delighted when I advised him that 'Match Magazine' gave him an 'outstanding' mark of 9 out of 10 for his performance in the Notts County game.

Roger has found it a great help having his brother Francis at the club as, "He's always giving me good advice." While 'Joe' is a great favourite of the Bees fans I don't think it will be long before his quietly confident younger brother at least catches him up. Let us hope the day is not far away when they both line up in the Brentford first team together.

FRANK COUMBE



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THE BEES WELCOME



BOLTON WANDERERS



Back row: Mark Came, Dave Sutton, Simon Farnworth, Paul Fitzpatrick, Sam Allardyce.

Middle row: Walter Joyce (no longer with Club), Steve Thompson, Tony Caldwell, Jimmy Phillips, David Cross, Roger Walker, Warren Joyce, Peter Nightingale (Physio).

Front row: Asa Hartford, Derek Scott, Graham Bell, George Oghani, Dean Roberts, Simon Rudge, Charlie Wright (no longer with Club).

Not pictured: Player/Manager, Phil Neal Coach, Colin Irwin.

Manager

PHIL NEAL

Bolton must be hoping that some of the success new player manager Phil Neal achieved during his eleven years at Liverpool will rub off on them. Phil won more honours than any player in English football history during his days at Anfield, including winners medals for seven League titles, four European Cups, four League/Milk Cups and the UEFA Cup. Besides that, his 50 appearances for England shattered the previous full-back record held by Blackpool's Jimmy Armfield.

Phil made more than 200 senior appearances for Northampton where our former manager Bill Dodgin played a big part in his development, before joining Liverpool in a £65,000 deal in November 1974 and had 416 consecutive games before injury forced him to miss the First Division fixture against Sunderland in October 1983. That, and the Milk Cup tie here four days later, were the only times he had been absent from the Liverpool line-up to the end of last season.

Bolton have experienced another poor season, and with the campaign fast drawing to a close there is still a danger they might get sucked into the Fourth Division. They have never recovered from a start which saw them win only one of their first seven League games — 4-1 at home to Wolves — in fact, things got so bad that after a run of five straight defeats, including a quick exit from the FA Cup, 3-1 at Wrexham, the Board decided another change of management was in order. Out went Charlie Wright, only appointed in succession to John McGovern in the summer, and in came former Liverpool and England full-back Phil Neal.

Results initially took a turn for the better, Bolton winning Phil's first game in charge against Doncaster 2-0 and then holding Blackpool 1-1 away. However, the size of the task in front of him soon became apparent, and just ten points from ten games since leaves Bolton with it all to do if they are to avoid the drop.

Bolton can draw little comfort from their performance in the Milk Cup, either, beating Stockport 4-1, 1-1 only to crash out 7-0 on aggregate to Nottingham Forest in the next round.

However, there is a small chink of light in the gloom pervading Burnden Park and that is provided by the Freight Rover Trophy, a competition in which they have disposed of Stockport and Crewe and now face Tranmere for a place in the Area semi-finals.

Bolton's appearance in the Final at Wembley will give the Freight Rover one of its few hopes of matching last season's crowd of 39,897 when we were in opposition to Wigan, as few of the sides left in can match their drawing power.

Gates at Burnden have held up remarkably well this season considering the sides' lack of success, and at 4,750 are only marginally down on last year's figure.

Bolton had been to the First Division and back between their visits to Griffin Park in August 1972 and April 1984. In 1972, Brentford came from behind to win 2-1 (Allen, Murray) on August Bank Holiday Monday in front of Griffin Park's top crowd of the season 11,800. In one of the best games here in many years. Byrom gave Bolton an early lead, but faced by non-stop pressure their defence eventually wilted. Mickey Allen netted the equaliser, and two minutes before the interval Allan Murray fired what transpired the winner. That win lifted us into second spot, but by the time we met in the return it was a very different kettle of fish and while Burnden's second best crowd of the season, 21,646, were intent on celebrating Bolton's Championship success, Brentford were already destined for the Fourth Division. True to form Bolton won 2-0 (Byrom, Nicholson).

Our paths next crossed in January 1976 when we were drawn against each other in the third round of the FA Cup. Brentford, then managed by John Docherty, held Bolton to a goalless draw at Griffin Park, the attendance of 12,452 representing the best here since Wanderers' previous visit, but went down 2-0 in the replay in front of 18,538 fans.

Bolton just missed out on promotion to the First Division that season and the next, but made no mistake twelve months later when pipping Southampton and Spurs for the Second Division title.

Sadly, Bolton lasted only two seasons in top grade and they completed their ten-year round trip when falling

back into the Third Division in May 1983. Brentford have had much the better of the argument in the five meetings between the two clubs since. The only defeat came at Burnden in December 1983 when Jeff Chandler netted the game's only goal. Two goals in the first four minutes from Francis Joseph helped ensure Bolton got no joy in the return, an own goal by Ray Deakin completing a comprehensive 3-0 victory.

Last season we won 2-1 (Cassells, Kamara) at Griffin Park and drew the return 1-1, Chris Kamara coming on as substitute to net the equaliser after Steve Thompson had fired Bolton ahead.

We came from behind to win at Burnden in October. Warren Joyce opened the scoring, Steve Wignall equalised with his first League goal for Brentford and after Gary Phillips saved Steve Thompson's penalty kick, Robbie Cooke was on hand to score the winner. No fewer than six of the 15 players Bolton fielded against us last season have since left Burnden for another League club.

BRIAN BURROWS is now with Coventry, while RAY DEAKIN joined Burnley, JEFF CHANDLER (Derby), GEORGE McELHINNEY (Plymouth), WAYNE FOSTER (Preston) and PETER VALENTINE (Bury).

To replace them Bolton have signed DAVID SUTTON from Huddersfield, with whom in 1980 he won a Fourth Division Championship medal. DEREK SCOTT a veteran of Burnley's Third Division championship side in 1982. WAYNE ENTWHISTLE, who has done the rounds with Bury, Sunderland, Leeds, Blackpool and Bury, again, where last season he helped them to promotion by scoring 21 times before moving briefly to Carlisle. SAM ALLARDYCE, who started his career at Burnden and has since played for Sunderland, Millwall, Coventry and Huddersfield. And ASA HARTFORD, whose 800 plus senior games have encompassed WBA, Manchester City, Nottingham Forest, Everton, a spell in the USA, 50 caps for Scotland and a Milk Cup Winners medal with Norwich last season and a total outlay in the transfer market well in excess of a million pounds.

At present Bolton also have former Welsh International goalkeeper DAVID FELGATE on loan from Grimsby, and STEWART RIPLEY on loan from Middlesbrough. During the summer Bolton signed the vastly experienced DAVID CROSS from WBA, but he fractured his skull in November and at present is on loan to Bury. Despite these two periods of absence David tops Bolton's goalcharts this season, his ten goals in Cup and League placing him one clear of TONY CALDWELL and two ahead of STEVE THOMPSON, four of whose goals have come from the penalty spot.

Those who remain from last season are goalkeeper SIMON FARNWORTH, defenders PAUL FITZPATRICK and JIM PHILLIPS, midfield players MARK CAME, WARREN JOYCE and STEVE THOMPSON, and forwards TONY CALDWELL, GEORGE OGHANI, DEAN ROBERTS, SIMON RUDGE and ROGER WALKER, all of whom made their entry into League football with Bolton, and GRAHAM BELL signed from Carlisle after previous service with Oldham, Preston and Huddersfield.

GRAHAM HAYNES

BEES SNIPS

DANIS SALMAN

Danis Salman, now in his Testimonial season, continues to reach personal landmarks on the appearances front. He made his 300th League appearance for Brentford on 2 November 1985 and reached 314 against Walsall on 4 February 1986. This put him exactly 200 behind Brentford's record holder Ken Coote. For Danis to beat Ken's achievement he would have to remain a first team regular for at least the next five years. Bearing in mind, however, that Danny is only twenty six, having celebrated his birthday on 12 March, and that he now misses very few games through injury he must be in with a great chance. As one of those who saw him make the first of those appearances, way back in 1975 as substitute against Watford, I hope he makes it.

FRANK COUMBE



BEES IN RESERVE

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES JUNIOR DIVISION v LUTON TOWN — 1st February 1986 (Away) Drew 2-2 Gill 2

The quickest goal seen for a long time was scored by the Juniors against Luton. From a kick-off move a long pass by Gary Hinchley caught their goalkeeper and full-back cold and their lack of decision enabled Mark Gill to shoot low and hard into the net. The game then settled down with Luton playing some clever football without causing us any real problems. Darren Biggs making his debut in goal was coping well and it was a surprise when he was out of position at a free kick resulting in Luton's equaliser. Poor defending at a throw in soon after let them in for a tap in at the far post to make it 2-1. The second half saw us playing with the wind and we began to take advantage of this. Biggs in goal did well on a number of occasions and we gradually began to dominate. Substitute Glen Paul showed some good touches up front and from one strong run crossed only for GOOD to shoot wide from six yards. MARK GILL equalised with a superb shot from the edge of the box. To their credit both teams went for the winner. Centre-half JAMIE BATES was ordered off for dissent

but we battled on and really should have won when GOOD and PAUL both failed to score with the keeper to beat.

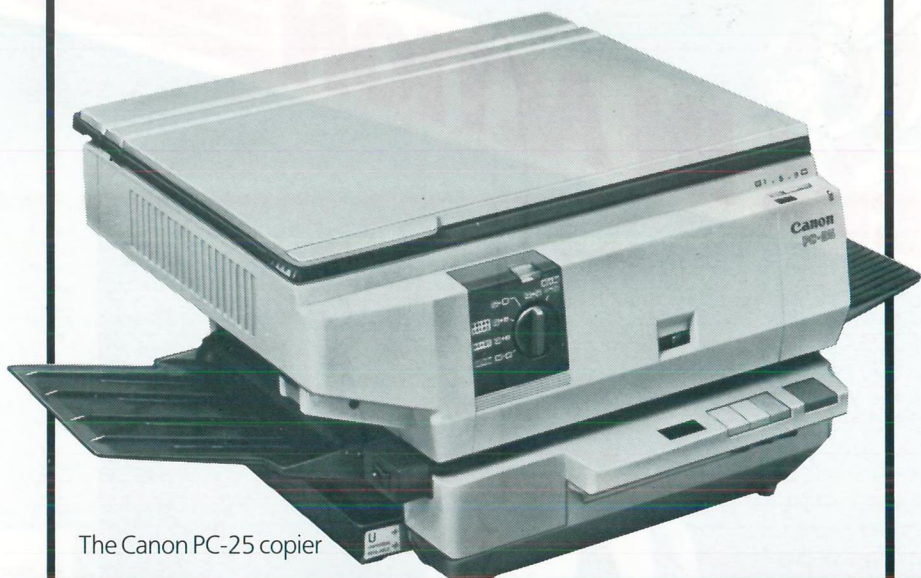
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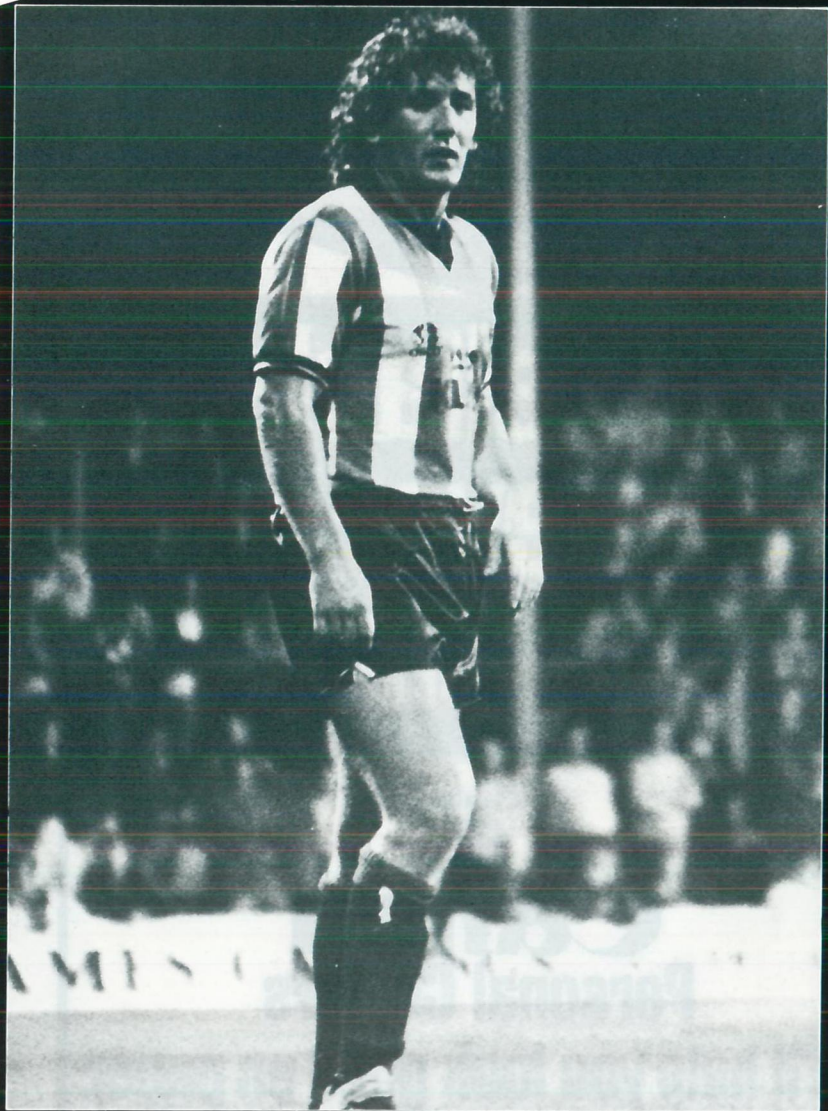
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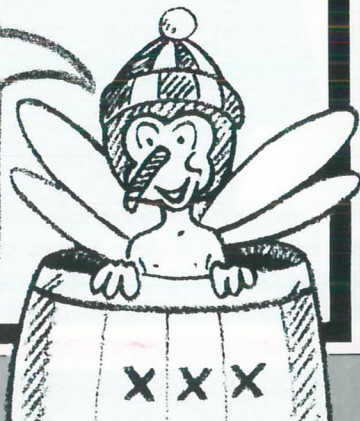


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Bees History continued

Earlier in the year Brentford lost reserve forward Billy Bloomfield when he was forced to retire through eye trouble, a disability that did not stop him scoring a hat-trick when he signed off in a reserve game against Gillingham. With another space available, Malcolm MacDonald now signed yet another youngster from Scottish junior football, Danny O'Donnell, moving South from Kirkintilloch Rob Roy to become the ninth Scot in the ranks. Here again, though, he was seen as one for the future and Brentford followed defeat at Norwich by going down 2-0 at home to Grimsby and then saw out February with a 2-1 defeat at Tranmere Rovers, where Tommy Higginson was given his first game in League football in place of the injured Towers.

Those three defeats killed off any last lingering hopes of promotion as with 13 games left the side was now twelve points adrift of Bury in second place.

Yet again, however, Brentford were to finish with a strong late run.

(To be continued)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To NICOLA PAYNE, who is 17 next week, from PETER WILLIAMS of Langley who tells us he also supports Oxford United. Well nobody is perfect!!

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BEES HISTORY

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DIVISION THREE 1959-60 (continued)

If September had been a disaster area then October was to prove the land of milk and honey, as a string of impressive results signalled that Brentford were back in business. The month started well with a 3-1 win at Grimsby, the team then overcoming Colchester 2-0 and Tranmere 2-1 at Griffin Park to rejoin the leading pack.

The win at home to Colchester marked Gerry Cakebread's 200th senior appearance, and it is a measure of the stability Malcolm MacDonald had brought to Griffin Park that five more members of the side that evening — Ken Coote, Ken Horne, George Bristow, Johnny Rainford and Jim Towers — had already passed that landmark in the club's colours. Colchester had their revenge when winning the return 2-1 at Layer Road, leaving Brentford to face three crucial fixtures before the end of the month if they were to remain in contention.

Sandwiched between a relatively easy home game against lowly Accrington Stanley, the Bees had to travel to Bournemouth, who would be defending a 26 match unbeaten run at Dean court including a 100% record in the campaign to date, and a visit to arch enemy and surprise League leaders QPR.

The Bees started well, goals from Jim Towers and Johnny Hales earning a 2-1 win at Bournemouth. While for Hales it was his first goal in League football, Big Jim's effort took his tally for the season to seven, and 116 in all, a total just two short of the club record held by Jack Holliday. And in true 'Roy of the Rovers' style he passed 'Olly Olly's' tally by firing all three goals in the 3-0 defeat of Accrington Stanley.

Towers took just 194 games to exceed Holliday's total. 'Olly Olly' spread his goals over 213 appearances and three different Divisions, Third South, Second, and First.

Big Jim was not the only player to write himself into the club's record books that afternoon, young full back Jimmy Gitsham warranting a mention in dispatches for his marathon effort in turning out for the juniors in the 4-2 extra time win against Fulham in the South East Counties League Cup and then moving on to play in the reserves 4-2 Football Combination defeat by the same club — 3½ hours of football in one day.

Full of confidence the team next made the short trip to Loftus Road for what traditionally had become one of the Big games of the season.

Rangers had been firing on all cylinders and a crowd of almost 20,000 packed in for the head-to-head confrontation between the Terrible Twins and Co. and the best defence, Bury apart, in the Division.

In the event it was no contest, George Francis grabbing the headlines with a hat-trick and Jim Towers adding another goal to his total in Brentford's convincing 4-2 victory. Brian Bedford, later to play for Brentford, was Rangers' marksman.

The result was a double celebration for Johnny Rainford, skipper for the day in his 100th consecutive senior appearance, a feat which only Ron Greenwood and Ian Dargie had managed since the War.

November got off to a disappointing start when the game against Chesterfield at Griffin Park was called off at half time through fog with the scores level, 1-1.

Brentford then easily disposed of Ashford Town 5-1 in the FA Cup, George Francis scoring four to lift his total for the season to 18 in twenty matches and in the process help to set another club record as the only time in its history a hat-trick, or better, has been achieved in three consecutive matches. Brentford seemed to be on the verge of great things but just as quickly as their surge to the top had begun, so it now ground to a halt and went into reverse. After going nine games unchanged, Malcolm MacDonald was forced to bring in Charlie McNally in place of the injured George Bristow for York's visit, Brentford losing out 2-1, the winner coming just three minutes from time.

BAD TO WORSE

From there on performances went from bad to worse. Fourth Division Exeter ended hopes of another profitable Cup run and in a dismal spell to the end of the year the only highlights were a 3-0 victory over Barnsley, Jim Towers, who married two days earlier netting the opener, George Francis with his 100th goal in Cup and League netting number two, and Eric Parsons wrapping things up, and a 3-1 win against Southend.

There was little to cheer as the sixties dawned, either. Southampton underlined their position as potential champions with a 2-0 success at the Dell on January 2nd, followed by successive drawn games against Swindon 0-0, Reading 2-2 and Shrewsbury 1-1.

The Reading game was significant in that with Bill Goundry joining the '100 club', it left only Sid Russell and George McLeod of the side we fielded not to have made 100 League appearances for the club.

For the record the Bees side was: Cakebread, Wilson, Russell, Goundry, Dargie, Coote, Parsons, Rainford, Francis, Towers, McLeod.

The visit to Shrewsbury marked Jim Towers' 100th League and Cup game without a break, and it is worth reflecting that Johnny Rainford had been in the number eight shirt in all those games, while at centre forward George Francis was absent only once and between them they accounted for 139 of the side's 173 goals.

Seven days later Brentford played Second Division Portsmouth in a friendly, Malcolm MacDonald taking the opportunity to blood young John Docherty in the Bees 3-2 (Towers (2), Francis) success.

In the League, however, the side continued to struggle, although they were a shade unfortunate at Norwich when the referee blew for time with a Jim Towers shot on its way into the net. Coming so close to the final whistle, most people in the ground thought Brentford had escaped with a point. Norwich Chairman Geoff Watling, for example, congratulated the Brentford directors on "a good draw", until informed otherwise.

It was obviously a hair-line decision, but afterwards the Brentford players were unanimous in their verdict that the referee had not blown until after Jim Towers' shot, not five yards from goal, entered the net.

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PERSONALLY SPEAKING

Mitcham
SURREY

20th January 1986

For the attention of Mr. K. Loring

Dear Keith,

This is a short letter of Congratulations to everyone concerned at B.F.C. responsible for a splendid evening at the Hounslow Civic Centre and, for what I hope, turns out to be an overwhelming success. The B.F.C. "Life-Line" scheme. I, like many others was genuinely surprised and moved by the incredible turnout illustrating the interest and passion so many people share, for the welfare of our club.

The "Life-Line" scheme is without question a vital link in the progress and future success of our club, and I would urge each and everyone of my fellow supporters to contribute. For many supporters, including myself, B.F.C. runs through our veins and has done ever since we cheered on the Bees from the terraces as young lads. "Life-Line" is a crucial part of B.F.C.'s plan which I believe can re-kindle the heart and soul of our beloved club. We can turn the word potential into reality and achieve the success we all so richly deserve. Our destiny is in our own hands, so join "Life-Line" NOW!

Yours sincerely,

Graham Mann

A LIFE-LINE believer and a LIFE-TIME
Supporter.

P.S. KEITH — I hope this may be suitable for printing in our programme.

Editors Note: The value of LIFE-LINE has already been shown with an initial donation of £4,000 — a real boon to the Club's finances with no money through the turnstiles for nearly six weeks. Incidentally next season all Life-Line members will get a gold members card and free car parking near the ground is being organised.

Do you remember the Bees of World War 1. It's a pleasure to relate that I remember it well. The scene has changed considerably, at that time

there was only a covered seated stand at the Braemar Road side with standing with rails behind each goal and a covered standing enclosure opposite the main stand with a 3 foot high fence along around the pitch. This contained the only form of advertising they had in those days for the early arrivals to show their support for the Blue and Golds in their light shouldered shirts. When I saw them first in 1911 it was against Stoke they had a moderate side, and made a draw 1-1. It was a Cup match. In 1914 on the outbreak of hostilities I believe we reverted from the Southern League to the London Combination. During the war most of the players were in the forces or on munitions and appeared when available, with Ted Price in goal with Air/Mech Drabble and P.C. Morris. At back a very formidable pair in 6ft Dusty Rhodes and Bert (Tich) Rosier, the long and short of it as they were nicknamed. Half backs Ted Hannah, (Captain) Alf Amos who was respected by all visiting forwards for his tenacity and distribution of the ball, Sgt. Hunter left half with his superb tackles. And the most calm and tricky winger that has donned the Bee's colours, none other than their first double international in the side Patsy Hendren the War International and cricketer for Middlesex C.C. A tricky forward and a great century maker. Arthur Chapman who came from Botwell Mission that is now Hillingdon. What a centre we had in those days, Sgt. Major J.G. Cock. I saw his first appearance for the Bees and he scored three brilliant goals, with many to follow. Yes, we had an amateur and a gentleman too, Lieut. Dick Sloley from the famous Corinthians. Dillimore and Les Baker.

Years later in the 2nd and 1st Division memories we had great Internationals. In the English side were Leslie Smith, Peter Broadbent, and Billy Scott. For Wales Dai Hopkins, Dai Richards, for Scotland Dave McCulloch, Joe Crozier and Archie Macaulay. For Ireland Bill Gorman, can you remember them?

Botwell Mission was a great nursery for the Bees in the days of managers Fred Halliday, Harry Curtis, Jack Gibbons and Malcolm MacDonald. I believe I must be one of the oldest and true supporters. May I be corrected by any good old timers still with the Griffin Park crowd and I will be delighted to hear from any now with the Club to exchange and record.

Editors Note: Unfortunately this long-standing supporter did not include his name.

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BEES FROM THE PAST

LOOKING BACK OVER 50 YEARS —

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Joe Crozier saves from Ted Drake in one of the classic games against Arsenal.

The 1938/39 season turned out to be a struggle against relegation. Although the Club eventually finished in 18th place, it was certainly disappointing since the heady heights of the First Division had been achieved in 1935.

It was largely a year of change with such old favourites as Arthur Bateman departing to Grimsby, Gerry McAloon moving to Wolves, but the most dramatic changes were when prolific goal scorer, Dave McCulloch moved early on to Derby County to be followed by England International George Eastham, father of the post war star of the same name, going to Blackpool and another Scottish International, Bobby Reid, to Sheffield United. The loss of these established players was bound to have some effect on the team and through the 'in' door came Bill Gorman, subsequently to become one of the most popular players the Club has ever had, Tommy Cheetham, formerly with the Army, snapped up from Queens Park Rangers, and Welsh International, Les Boulter. But the season, other than for the inevitable home defeat of Arsenal, never reached any great heights, including a third round FA Cup home defeat by Newcastle United, at which the Bees anthem was played, a new song written for Brentford, but not quickly repeated!

The final game of the season at Highbury

saw Arsenal beat us by two goals to nil, the first time in eight First Division games that the Gunners had beaten the Bees. It was an unusual match, as it was filmed as part of the backdrop for the "Arsenal Stadium Mystery" and we fielded two amateurs, A.H. Gibbon and M. Edelston, which must be one of the few occasions when that has happened in a First Division game.

On a personal note, I started keeping extensive records of Brentford and still have the tattered book where all my record keeping began. It is also strange that one of the few home games I missed, due to visiting my grandparents at Tooting, whilst walking along the road in that south western suburb I saw a Brentford programme v Manchester United mud splattered in the gutter and as I had not been to the game I collected it in an unusual manner. That match incidentally saw the debut of Gorman at right back and in opposition was Tom Manley, later to become such a power at Brentford. One small point about programmes, in those days players were not numbered, but from the point of view of team changes the Brentford programme ran from No. 1 (the Brentford goalkeeper) right through to No. 22 (the opposition goalkeeper). But the war clouds were gathering, but more about that next time.

ERIC WHITE.



COMMERCIAL CORNER

THE BRENTFORD

LIFE·LINE SOCIETY

Brentford Lifeline is now in full swing and we are pleased to announce our first three winners of the weekly £500 prizes are Keith Bowman from Twickenham, Mr. Peter Tabb from Heston, and Melvyn Collins from Brentford. If you haven't joined yet there are still memberships available at only £2 per week. For this you will receive a whole range of benefits including discounts on souvenirs, free membership of the Brentford members club for next season which in itself entitles you to further discounts in various local shops and stores, reduced or in some cases FREE use of club facilities for weddings, birthdays or private functions. We are also adding new benefits which will be announced in our first newsletter which can be obtained this evening.

Don't forget the Lifeline dance to be held at the Hammersmith Palais on 29th April. All Lifeline members will be invited to attend totally free of charge together with a number of guests. This function sees the first draw for THE RENAULT 11 BROADWAY which has been supplied by Hewitt's of Sunbury. Make sure you are in the draw by signing up for LIFELINE now.

LBC SOCCER SIX COMPETITION

We are pleased to announce that we will be entering a team in the LBC Soccer Six competition to be held at Wembley Arena on 2nd April. The competition will be held over two sessions, the first between 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. and the other from 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. Tickets are available from the club offices at £4.00 for the afternoon session and £4.00, £6.00 and £8.00 for the evening session. It is sure to be a thoroughly enjoyable day of soccer entertainment, so make sure you are there.

TONIGHT'S MASCOT



Our mascot this evening is Robert Dawson from Windsor in Berkshire. Robert is eleven years old and attends Trevelyan school. His hobbies include Table Tennis, Golf, Football, American football and Cricket. Robert is a keen Bees fan and Danis Salman gets the vote as his favourite player. Congratulations are in order as he celebrates his eleventh birthday tomorrow.

SUPPORTERS NEWS



PENALTY PRIZE

3rd Quarter Final
COX GREEN (Maidenhead)
(In Blue)

v

HOUNSLOW MANOR
(In Yellow)

BOLTON SUPPORTERS

Bolton Wanderers are currently setting up a London Supporters Club. Anyone interested please telephone IAN GRUNDY on 0233 30429.

PROGRAMME FAIRS

Manchester United Programme Fair. Sunday 23rd March 1986. Stretford Sports Centre. Old Trafford. 11am to 3pm.

Manchester City Programme Fair. Sunday 27th April 1986. Social Club, Maine Road. 11am to 3pm.

AWAY TRAVEL

GILLINGHAM

Coach £3.00

Leave St. Pauls Church at
4.30 p.m.

Tickets available this evening
from Bumbles Bar

CANON INVITATION DAY

Mellow Lane School v Hounslow Manor School. These teams provide your pre-match entertainment.

OLD PROGRAMMES

Dick Harrison has at present a large collection of pre-war Brentford programmes for sale. You can find Dick in the Braemar Road forecourt every home match before and after the game. If you would like to purchase such programmes but are unable to contact Dick on match days please write to him at 12 Patchings, Horsham, West Sussex. RH13 5HL.

COMMUNITY CHEST

One of the best off the field activities recently has been the Club's involvement in the local community. You have already read that we loaned the Sherpa van we won for reaching Wembley last season in the Freight Rover Trophy final to Southall Rotary Club at Christmas time to bring a party from St. Bernards Hospital Southall to the Bristol Rovers game and it is hoped to repeat the exercise for the Bristol City game on Sunday April 13th. Recently Frank McLintock attended a Sportsmans Dinner at Heatham House Twickenham and gave an excellent speech. As a result of this evening the Warden at Heatham House DAVID KING reports a profit of £415 to be used towards the re-surfacing of the youngsters 5-a-Side pitch. Keith Loring has been busy talking to Round Table and Rotary Clubs and he accompanied Frank McLintock to Hampton Library when they talked to enthusiastic youngsters mainly between 10 and 14 years old. Hampton librarian Kate Davenport said afterwards. "We were delighted and the kids had a super time. They could

have asked questions all night. I would say it was our biggest night ever for the age group." Whilst the demand on the Chairman and officials time is enormous if you have a particular community project you would like us to consider please let us know. We are often accused of only being after your money but this is the other side of the coin. Even the writer has spoken to clubs on editing the programme for past 27 years.

NEAR WEMBLEY

With no Brentford game tomorrow why not make the short trip to Western Road Southall to cheer on our local friends SOUTHALL in the 1st leg of their F.A. Vase Semi-final against WISBECH (K.O. 3.00 pm). Winners will meet WAR-RINGTON or HALESOWEN in the Wembley Final on April 26th. It is the first time Southall have reached this stage of the competition and there have always been friendly relations between our clubs with Roger Joseph the latest of a number of players who have appeared for both clubs.

BRENTFORD F.C.
LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

● Matches at Griffin Park

BRENTFORD F.C. LEAGUE DIVISION THREE			RESULT	ATTENDANCE	PHILLIPS	SALAMAND	MURRAY J	MILLEN K	WIGNALLS	HURLOCKT	LYNCH A	COOKE	BOOKER R	BUTLER	BULLIVANT T	EVANS	JOSEPH R	TORRANCE	ALEXANDER	COOPER	JOSEPH F
● Matches at Griffin Park																					
Aug	17	● Wolverhampton Wanderers	2-1	5576	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	7s					
Aug	20	Cambridge United (MC1 1)	1-1	1794	1		3	4		6	7	8	9		10	5	2	11	s		
Aug	24	Bristol Rovers	1-0	4140	1	2	3	s	4	6	7	8	9		10	5		11			
Aug	26	● A.F.C. Bournemouth	1-0	4283	1	2	3		4	6	7	8	9		10	5		11	s		
Aug	31	Wigan Athletic	0-4	2871	1	2	3	10	4	6	10s	8	9			5	7	11			
Sept	3	● Cambridge United (MC1 2)	2-0	2512	1	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9				2	11s	2s		
Sept	7	● Plymouth Argyle	1-1	3942	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9					11s	10	11	
Sept	13	Doncaster Rovers	0-1	2831	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9						s	11	10
Sept	17	● Reading	1-2	6351	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			10s	11			11	10
Sept	21	Lincoln City	0-3	1856	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9					10	8s	11	
Sept	25	● Sheffield Wed. (MC2 1)	2-2	5352	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	10	9					11	8		
Sept	28	● Rotherham United	1-1	3257	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	10	9					11s	8	11	
Oct	1	Darlington	5-3	2447	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9s	9				8		11	10	
Oct	5	● Swansea City	1-0	3508	1	2	3	4	5	7	6	9					8	2s	10	11	
Oct	12	Bolton Wanderers	2-1	4106	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9				2	s	10	11	
Oct	15	Sheffield Wed. (MC2 2)	0-2	11132	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9		s		2	11	10		
Oct	19	● Newport County	0-0	3646	1	7	3	4	5	6	11s	8	9				2		10	11	
Oct	22	Walsall	2-1	4318	1	4	3		5	6	7	8	9				2	11	10	s	
Oct	26	Blackpool	0-4	5448	1	4	3		5	6	7	8	9				2	11	10	11s	
Nov	2	● Cardiff City	3-0	3964	1	2	3		5	6	7	8	9	10s		4		11	10		
Nov	6	● Derby County	3-3	4707	1	2	3		5	6	7	8	9	10	s	4	s	11			
Nov	9	Bristol City	0-0	6596	1	2	3		5	6	7	8	9	10	s	4		11			
Nov	16	● Bristol Rovers (F.A. Cup 1)	1-3	4716	1	2	3		5	7	8	9				6	4	s	11	10	
Nov	23	● Chesterfield	1-0	3502	1	2	3		5				9	8	6	4	s	11	10		
Nov	30	York City	0-1	3674	1	2	3		5	6	5s		9	8	4		11	10			
Dec	14	● Bury	1-0	4038	1	2	3	4		6	10	11	9			5			s		
Dec	22	● Bristol Rovers	1-0	5742	1	4	3			6	10	11	s			5	2	7	9		
Dec	28	A.F.C. Bournemouth	0-0	4006	1	4	3	s		6	10	11				5	2	7	9		
Jan	4	Cardiff City	0-1	3398	1	4	3	2s		6	10	11				5	2	7	9		
Jan	11	● Wigan Athletic	1-3	4048	1	4	3	11s			10	11	9			5	2	7	6		
Jan	15	● Derby Co. (FRT)	0-0	2531	1	4	3	6			11	10			s	5	2	7	9s		
Jan	18	Wolverhampton Wanderers	4-1	3420		4	3	s		6	11	10				5	2	7	9		
Jan	21	● Notts County	1-1	4002		4	3	s		6	7	10				5	2	11	9		
Jan	24	● Doncaster Rovers	1-3	3568		4	3			6	7	10	11	9		5	2		9s		
Feb	1	Plymouth Argyle	0-2	4873	1	4	3	9		6	7	10	11			5	2		3s		
Feb	4	● Walsall	1-3	3015	1	4	3		3	6	7	10	11			5	2		s	9	
Mar	1	Rotherham United	2-1	3262	1	2	3	4	5		7	10	11		6				s	9	
Mar	8	Swansea City	0-2	3683	1	2	3	4	5		7	10	11		6		7s		9		
Mar	11	Newport County	2-1		1	2	3	4			7	10	11		6		5		9		
Mar	14	● Bolton Wanderers																			
Mar	18	Gillingham																			
Mar	22	● Blackpool																			
Mar	29	Notts County																			
Mar	31	● Gillingham																			
Apr	5	Derby County																			
Apr	9	● Darlington																			
Apr	13	● Bristol City																			
Apr	16	Reading																			
Apr	19	Chesterfield																			
Apr	22	● Lincoln City																			
Apr	26	● York City																			
May	3	Bury																			
May	10	FAC Final																			

RECORD v BOLTON						
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Home	10	7	3	0	21	8
Away	11	2	3	6	10	16
	21	9	6	6	31	24

TEAMCHECK

**SCORER
TIME**

Brentford

Shirts: Red & White Stripes
Shorts: Black

Bolton

Colours: All White

**SCORER
TIME**

	GARY PHILLIPS	1	DAVID FELGATE	
	DANIS SALMAN	2	DEREK SCOTT	
	JAMIE MURRAY	3	JIM PHILLIPS	
	KEITH MILLEN	4	DAVE SUTTON	
	ROGER JOSEPH	5	MARK CAME	
	TERRY BULLIVANT	6	WARREN JOYCE	
	TONY LYNCH	7	PHIL NEAL	
	ANDY SINTON	8	GEORGE OGHANI	
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	BOB BOOKER	11	GRAHAM BELL	
		12		

OFFICIALS

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